



A Little Love in the Time of Coronavirus Extra Edition

**What keeps you from crazy out there?
and, HOW ARE YOU, *REALLY*?**

Northern outpost, 24 March. We got about a half foot of spring surprise snow last night in MidCoast Maine. For sure it surprised the daffodils just now three inches up. But the natives up here know how to handle an extra dose of cabin fever. They're busy making masks for the local hospitals. They're ringing steeple bells at noon every day. *And*, several folks have taken to appearing on their porches with bells or pots and pans and *ringing (or clanging) back*. Others are putting the white candles back in windows and white lights on the trees outside, not only to lift the spirits, but also as a parent rescue effort—they can put the kids in the car and go off to "see the lights."

We bring all this up to say that it's inspiring how folks rise to the occasion and show the love ... to say "hey, we're all in this together." And, it inspired this extra edition.

AND SO, HOW ARE YOU DOING?

We have a serious concern that this precious, precocious, not-quite-doddering class stays put and stays out of trouble. SRSLY.

What's the situation in your neighborhood and town?

(and where ARE you, exactly?)

Are you worried about how prepared they are where you live? **Tell us.**

Or, are you feeling fairly safe? What are *you* doing?

What kinds of precautions are they taking where you are? **Tell us.**

And if you had to get tested, please tell us—we all very much care.

How did it go? and what's your situation now? The truth.

Tell you what. Think about it this way—

as the one who is privileged also to send out obituaries,

we would very much rather hear from you loooong before that.

The fact is, we need hard news on this class as to

what is actually going on with us

in the face of the serious threat that is CoVid-19.

Will you please drop us a line?

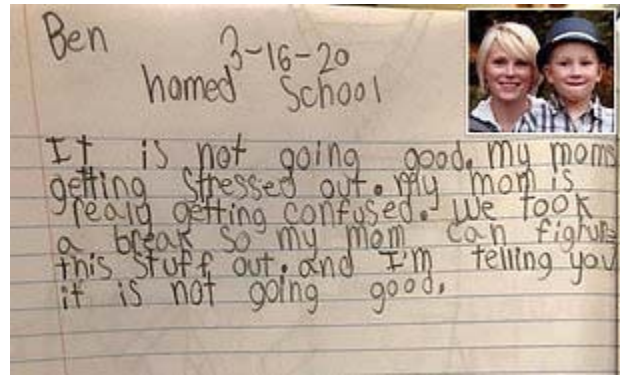
Send us your questions, frustrations, observations,

... and your health report, by golly.

Meanwhile. What ELSE are y'all up to out there to keep it together while spinning in place? We know what you're NOT supposed to be doing, which is taking care of the grandkids. As a note on that, from the millennial parents—who are missing us, greatly—who suddenly find themselves in charge of "homeschooling"...



...and from Creative Writing "class"



Soooo ... let's hear from you out there ...

BRING IT.

We want to know what's going on with you.

Your ideas. Your concerns. Your BPM. Anything at all.

Your huddled thoughts, yearning to be free.

Books you're reading, projects you're getting accomplished.

We are just flat AMAZED when y'all write in,

so go ahead, AMAZE US.

DO IT DO IT DO IT

Give us a thrill.

C'mon.

Hit reply.

Loyal Forever, Y'all—

Queenie

